



# NAVIGATE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Study Passage: James 1:2-18 | Memory Passage: James 1:5

Open your Memory Logbook and complete today's Scripture memory practice.

James wrote his letter to a group of Christians that he called "brothers." These Christians were suffering and being treated unfairly for their beliefs. James gave them commands or directions because he loved them and wanted them to follow Jesus.

Find James 1:2-18 in your Bible. Read or listen to the passage. Then answer the observation question by filling in the correct bubble.

1. James gives a command in verse 2 which tells us how to handle troubles. What is that command?

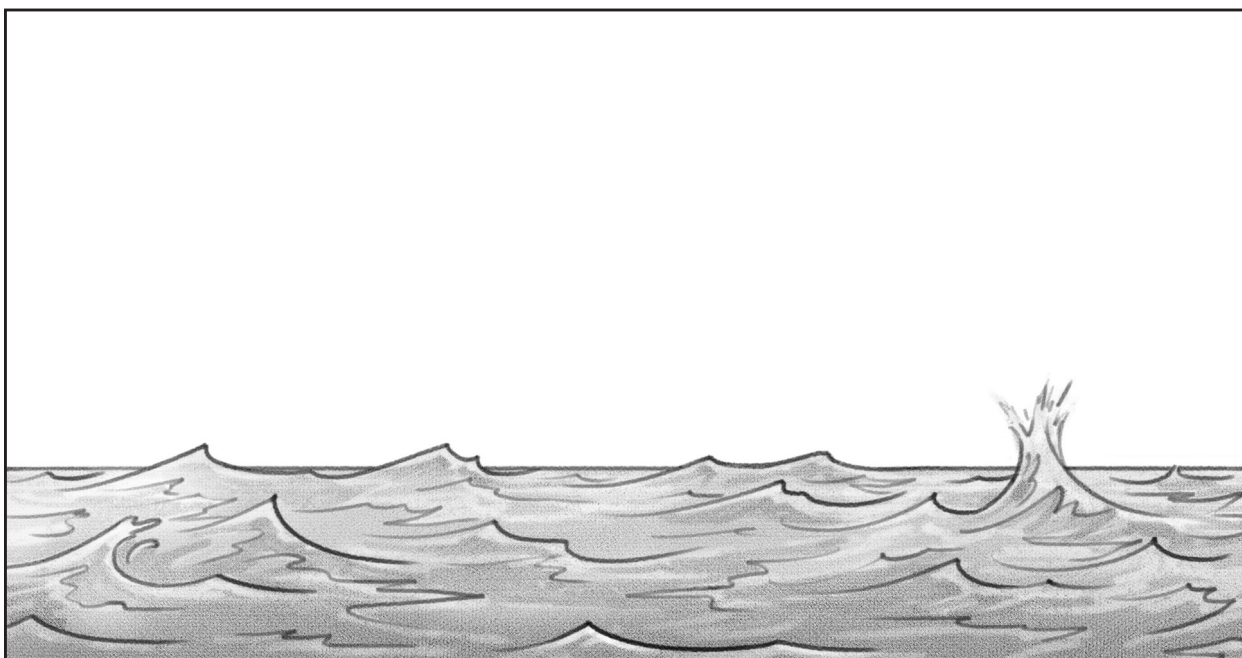
Consider/count it all joy

Give up

Complain to your mom

James also tells believers not to be **double-minded** when you pray. Pray in faith believing God hears you; don't have fear. Fear is what makes us not trust God, and that is being **double-minded**.

**Draw a ball on top of the choppy waves. Then add a stormy sky above the waves.** What is happening to the ball? That is an example of a double-minded person.



We can be strong in the Lord by believing God hears us when we pray in faith.



# EXPLORE • UNIT 2, LESSON 1

Read & Observe | Memory Passage: James 1:5

James, the writer of the book of James, knew his Christian brothers would have difficult times, and he urged them to have joy.

## THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

During our *Thrive* study, we will also look at some teachings of Jesus. Jesus told people who are persecuted for following and obeying Him to rejoice because their reward will be great in heaven.

### Beatitude – Matthew 5:10-12

Jesus had hope for these brothers and sisters in Christ when He said, *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven* (Matthew 5:10<sub>2</sub>).

How should we respond if we are persecuted or made fun of because we are believers in Christ? You will find the answer in the puzzle below. **Color all squares which contain letters. Write the letters on the lines with matching numbers.**

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Has anyone made fun of you for being a Christian or reading your Bible? How did you respond? Jesus tells us to rejoice!